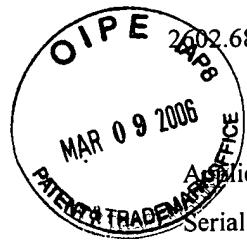


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Scott Steffensmeier et al.
 Serial No.: 10/792,337
 Conf. No.: 4552
 Filed: March 3, 2004
 For: TIBIAL SIZER
 Art Unit: 3733
 Examiner: James L. Swinger III

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March 7, 2006

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Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	<u>18</u>	- <u>20</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	- <u>3</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$200.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00	= \$ 0.00
				Total Additional Fee	\$ 0.00
				Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)	\$ _____

(X) Amendment A.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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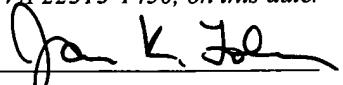
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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2006, please amend the application as follows: